GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:39
ANSWERED ON:26.04.2016
Promotion of Cricket
Patil Shri A.T. (Nana)

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is satisfied with the performance of Indian Cricket Team at various international events and if so, the details
thereof;
(b) whether the Government has proposed any scheme for promoting cricket at grassroot level including rural areas and non-metro cities
and providing training to the young sportspersons;
(c) if so, the details thereof; and
(d) the steps taken by the Government for preparing the essential basic infrastructure in order to promote cricket at ground level and also in
rural areas non-metro cities in the country?
ANSWER

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)
(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.
STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.39 FOR REPLY ON 26-04-2016 ASKED BY SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL REGARDING PROMOTION OF CRICKET.
(a) Madam, Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has informed that the performance of the Indian Cricket Team has been consistent at the international level. The Indian Cricket Team is ranked 2nd in Test Cricket, 3rd in One Day Cricket and 1st in T20 Cricket. The Women's Cricket Team is ranked 4th in the World. The India U-19 Cricket Team finished Runners-up in the ICC U-19 World Cup held in February, 2016. Indian Men's Cricket Team won Asia T20 Cricket Cup in February/March, 2016 in Bangladesh and lost in the Semi Finals in the International Cricket Council (ICC) World T20 played in India in March/April, 2016.
(b) to (d) 'Sports' is a state subject. It is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments to create basis sports infrastructure for promotion of various sports and games including cricket in rural areas/non-metro cities of the country. However, BCCI has informed that they have developed excellent playing facilities and academies all over India out of their own resources and India now has some of the best International Stadiums in the world. The ICC has recognized BCCI as the apex body for promotion of Cricket in India. It has been informed by BCCI that their strength is the promotion and development at the grassroots level and they have the best domestic Junior Cricket Structure in the World which is evident from the fact that every year, new faces have been seen making their mark in International Cricket. BCCI is focused on the promotion and development of cricket in the North Eastern States through various schemes approved by the Board.
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